



Where is the world



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Drops of rain come showering down on to the field behind the little cottage where the Barkers live. Ben, that one person who is constantly making jokes, is sitting quietly against the bright blue couch staring into the bright, glowing fire which by now is giving off its last few puffs of warm smoke, up and out of the chimney. Mrs. Barker is making some soup on the stove, lifting her head and then looking satisfied every time she smells it. Just then Mr. Barker comes stumbling into the house. He is so wet that there are streams running down his back, past his legs and pouring out of his shoes. "It's raining cats and dogs out there," he mumbles, "how must I feed the chickens now." Just be glad that it is actually raining for ones," Mrs. Barker shouts. And then there is Lucy, the one constantly wonders about everything and day-dreams about anything and anyone, sitting with her nose pressed against the small window in the corner of the living room watching every single little drop of rain falling from the sky. "Why does it rain?" Lucy asks her father who is now sitting on the blue couch in front of the fire. "What," he says with a look of confusion on his face. "Why does it rain? How do these little drops of water fall from the sky," she repeats. "Ask one of your friends," Ben suggests. "Yes, they probably learned all about it in school today," says Mrs. Barker with a slight smile on her face. Lucy's friends all go to the school down the road, but her family is too poor to afford to send her and her brother to school. At least she has her mother and father to teach her some new things, just like they do in a school. Suddenly the rain stops and a bit of the blue sky starts to show. Lucy quickly sits upright when she sees her friends riding past the house on their bikes. Finally! She jumps of the chair, grabs her coat and runs swiftly out the door.

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